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For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND PRINTING METHOD

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the telephone interview conducted on October 8, 2009, between Applicant's representative, Andrew J. Taska, and Examiner Laura E. Martin from the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

REMARKS

A telephone interview was initiated by Applicant's representative on October 8, 2009. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed possible claim amendments with the Examiner and inquired whether such amendments would result in withdrawal of the current rejections. In particular, independent claim 1 was discussed.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that, based on her initial impression, the features of wherein the insulating coating is configured to apply a friction force between the sheet feed roller or the idle roller and the printing sheet, and wherein the friction force is

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substantially uniform in a longitudinal direction of the sheet feed roller or the idle roller, did not appear to be taught or suggested in the cited references. The Examiner also indicated that, based on her initial impression, the features of wherein the stripped-off portions are configured such that the conductive rod-shaped member contacts the printing sheet during operation of the printing apparatus, did not appear to be taught or suggested in the cited references. However, the Examiner indicated that it would be necessary for her to fully consider the aforementioned features as presented in a formal Amendment, and then perform additional prior art searching, to provide a final determination as to the patentability of the aforementioned features.

No immediate agreement was reached as to the allowability of the pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant **STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW** complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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